

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 25, 26, 38 and 39 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, dependent Claim 38 has been added to Claim 1. It is believed that Claim 1, as amended, and its respective dependent claims, are now allowable. Allowed dependent Claim 39 has been amended into Claim 16. It is believed that Claim 16 and its dependent claims are now allowable.

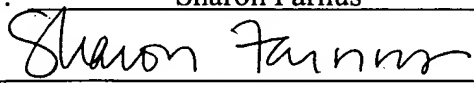
Dependent Claim 25 has now been written as new independent Claim 40, and it is believed that Claim 40 and its dependent Claim 41 are likewise allowable.

In view of the amendments to the independent claims and the rewriting of Claim 25 as new independent Claim 40, the present application should be allowable, and an early notification of the same is requested.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and, an early notification is requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

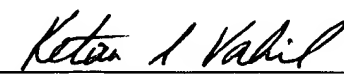
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